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Jane Henney, Commissioner
Food and Drug Administration
Docket #00P-1211/CP1
5630 Fishers Ln., Room 1061 (HFA-305)
Rockville, MD 20852

Dear Ms. Henney:


There is no comprehensive government regulation of genetically-engineered foods, yet we have been eating them since 1996. In support of a legal petition by the Center for Food Safety, we urge the FDA to require that:

- No new genetically-engineered foods or products with GE ingredients be released until the Food and Drug Administration requires long-term safety testing of all GE foods before they go to market.
- All GE foods presently on the market be labeled, giving consumers the right to know what's in the food they are eating.

The biotech corporations are in a race for control of agricultural production, not a race to feed the world. The U.S. government has failed to protect consumers, and has allowed a few big companies to place our global food supply on a dangerously uncertain course. Already, 70 million acres of U.S. farmland are planted with GE seeds, and most of the national food brands can't guarantee that their products do not contain GE foods. Once these seeds are released in nature, we can never take them back.

We trust that you will move forward aggressively to regulate genetically-engineered foods by requiring their testing and labeling.

Sincerely,


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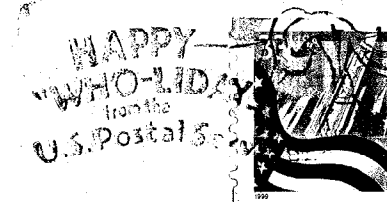
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